

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 remain pending in the present application, with all claims being rejected in the present Office Action. The Examiner rejected Claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,948,066 (Whalen) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,896,369 (Warsta).

Whalen describes delivery of information over narrow-band communications links and Warsta describes connecting a remote workstation to a data network via a mobile communication network. Specifically, the operation of Warsta is described in column 5, lines 48-62 and shown in FIG. 1 of Warsta. The remote workstation 4 dials for the AGENT computer 19. In Warsta, the AGENT computer 19 then extends the connection to a customer LAN 24 through a router 23.

The Examiner points to column 6, lines 11-32 of Warsta, as teaching step (d) of Claim 1. However, this section teaches only the disconnection of the remote workstation 4 from the AGENT computer 19. The AGENT does not disconnect from LAN 24, and further, the connection is not re-established at the request of the user. Specifically, Warsta states the following in column 6, lines 17-32:

“The AGENT computer 19 maintains the extended connection and continues to operate as a remote workstation towards the customer LAN 24. If the remote workstation 4 has data to be transmitted towards the customer LAN, the telecommunication software establishes a data connection to the AGENT computer 19. If the customer LAN 24 has data to be transmitted to the remote workstation 4, the AGENT computer 19 transmits a short message to the telecommunication software of the remote workstation 4, and the software then re-establishes the data connection. As the AGENT computer 19 is already operating, and the extended connection to the LAN 24 has already been set up, the establishment of the data connection to the AGENT computer 19 is all that is needed, and so the time required for re-establishing the connection is considerably shorter.”

This section explains that Warsta does not release access to the network LAN 24, it only releases access to the intermediary AGENT computer 19, which still maintains the original session initiated when the remote workstation 4 first connected to the network LAN 24.

Whalen, Warsta, or the combination thereof do not describe or teach “temporarily releasing an access to the network, upon failure to receive any web related operation command from the user for a predetermined time after displaying the web document”, as recited in step (d) of Claim 1 and “temporarily terminating the network access if the determination is negative”, as recited in Claim 8

of the present invention.

In view of the above remarks and amendments, reconsideration and allowance of independent Claims 1 and 8 is respectfully requested. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2-7 and 9, it is submitted that they are allowable by virtue of their dependencies on independent Claims 1 and 8, respectively.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-9, are believed to be in condition for allowance and allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

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